GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF GRANITE INDUSTRY.
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any policy to promote the Granite Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Rajasthan Government has also submitted any proposal to the Union Government for formulation of the said policy;

(d) if so, te details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (b) The Government of India reconstituted the Granite Development Council(GDC) in 1998 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary(Mines). Its terms of reference inter-alia include measures for speedy development of granite and to recommend measures for upgradation of technology and scientific exploitation of granite. On the recommendations of GDC, the Government of India have notified the Granite Conservation and Development Rules(GCDR),1999 with effect from 1.6.1999 for conservation and systematic development of and scientific mining to conserve the granite resources and to prescribe a uniform frame-work with regard to systematic and scientific exploitation of granite throughout the country. Granite being a minor mineral defined under Section 3(e) of the Mines and Minerals(Development & Regulation)(MMDR)Act,1957, the State Governments take steps to promote granite industry within the broad frame-work of MMDR,Act,1957,GCDR,1999 and Minor Mineral Concession Rules(MMCRs) of the respective Stat Governments.

(c) to (e) Proposals from State Governments including the Government of Rajasthan for formulation of policy to promote the granite industry are received by the Central Government from time to time. Necessary follow up measures are discussed and decided in the meeting of GDC.